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TAGS: SHUM PINT KS

SUBJ: CONDITION OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS: MUN IK-KWAN GOES ON
HUNGER STRIKE

1. MYONGDONG DEFENDANT MUN IK-HWAN (TIMOTHY MUN) REPORTEDLY
BEGAN HUNGER STRIKE MAY 18. FAMILY LEARNED ABOUT IT ONLY
LAST WEEK WHEN THEY VISITED HIM. MUN REPORTEDLY GAVE
FAMILY COPY OF WILL AND TOLD THEM HE HAD DECIDED TO FAST
TO THE END AS MARTYR FOR DEMOCRACY. FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GREATLY CONCERNED BECAUSE MUN'S OBJECTIVE IS FULL RESTORATION
OF DEMOCRACY IN KOREA - A GOAL THEY FELL WILL NOT BE ATTAINED
WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT FAMILY AND
FRIENDS WILL MOBILIZE APPEALS OF PROMINENT OPPOSITON
PERSONALITIES AKSING MUN TO DESIST BUT MUN HAS SHOWN GREAT
DETERMINATION OF WILL IN PAST.

2. WE ARE CHECKING WITH ROKG AUTHORITIES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR
VIEWS ON MUN'S FAST AND PHYSICAL CONDITION. SNEIDER

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